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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON STARR KIDNAPPING

THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED ON AN "IF
ASKED" BASIS. ALTHOUGH THE QUESTION HAS NOT YET ARISEN,
WE ARE TRANSMITTING THE GUIDANCE TO THE EMBASSY FOR ITS
USE AS APPROPRIATE:

Q: ACCORDING TO THE COLOMBIAN PRESS (MAY 7) A MARXIST
GUERRILLA, JAIME GUARACAS, WAS RELEASED FROM A COLOMBIAN
PRISON ON APRIL 28. SINCE THIS IS THE MAN WHOSE RELEASE
FARC HAD DEMANDED IN EXCHANGE FOR KIDNAPPED PEACE CORPS
VOLUNTEER RICHARD STARR, IS THERE ANY WORD ON STARR'S
RELEASE?

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A: WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT GUARACAS WAS RELEASED BY A
LOCAL COLOMBIAN JUDGE AND WE CERTAINLY HOPE THAT RICHARD
STARR NOW WILL BE RELEASED BY THE FARC. HOWEVER, AS FAR
AS WE CAN DETERMINE THAT HAS NOT HAPPENED AS YET.

WHAT HAS THE US GOVERNMENT DONE TO EXPEDITE STARR'S RE-
LEASE?

A: EVER SINCE RICHARD STARR'S KIDNAPPING ON FEBRUARY 14,

1977, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ACTIVELY FOR HIS SAFE RETURN.
WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE COLOMBIAN GOVERN-
MENT AND WITH STARR'S FAMILY. OUR EMBASSY AND THE PEACE
CORPS HAVE ASSISTED MRS. CHARLOTTE JENSEN, RICHARD STARR'S
MOTHER, TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH HER SON AND WITH HIS
ABDUCTORS. I CANNOT SAY ANY MORE THAN THAT VANCE

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